

**Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics**

- **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

**EMERGENCIES:** In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

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**Site Location:** The 4 individual sites are in a spruce/fir stand to the northwest of the lake. To reach the campsites, take the Spruce Lake trail just before reaching Fern Lake, at the marked trail junction near the triangular hitchrack. Approximately 100 yards up this trail you will find a common trail leading to the individual sites. The group site is located off the trail towards Odessa Lake on the east side of Fern Lake. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation or set up tent on tent pads provided.

Number of Sites: 4 individual / 1 group

Elevation: 9,530 ft.

Elevation Change: 1,375 ft. gain from Fern Lake Trailhead

Privy: YES

Distance: 3.8 mi. from the Fern Lake TH; and 4.7 mi. from the Bear Lake. TH

Approx. Travel Time: 3 hrs. from Fern Lake. TH

Water Source: Best collected from inlet streams. Boil or adequately treat all water.

**To Reach the Trailhead (TH):** Take the Bear Lake Road to Moraine Park. Follow the signs to the Fern Lake TH. To hike from Bear Lake, take the Bear Lake Road to its end. The trail begins a short way around the north side of Bear Lake on the nature trail.

